

Claims 4, 11, 13 – 14 and 16 - 27 remain pending in the application. Re-examination of the claims is requested.

Claims 4, 11, 13, 14 and 16 – 18, and it is believed 19 - 27, stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that the applicant regards as the invention. With regard to claim 4, the Examiner has stated:

“it is unclear how the woodworking tool allowing [sic] work piece movement on the woodworking tools through the cutting portion. Is the woodworking tool that is allowing the movement the same as the woodworking tools?”

Claims 4 and 21 have been amended in their preambles to make consistent the references to a woodworking tool as opposed to mixed references to tools and tool. As a result, it is submitted that the claims, as amended, clearly refer only to a system for work piece milling on a woodworking tool. The Examiner is requested to remove this ‘112, second paragraph rejection.

The Examiner has also stated that regarding claim 4, and it is believed claim 21:

“that the recitation, ‘approximately perpendicular to the direction of workpiece movement through the cutting portion’ is ambiguous as it is not clear if it is the longitudinal direction of the elongated channel slot that is perpendicular to the direction of workpiece movement or if it is the transverse, i.e., width direction of the channel slot that is oriented perpendicular to [t]he direction of workpiece movement.”

Claims 4 and 21 have been amended to make clear that the channel is secured to the woodworking tool so that the elongated slot is approximately perpendicular to the direction of work piece movement through the cutting portion on the woodworking tool. With this amendment it is respectfully submitted that this ‘112, second paragraph rejection is overcome.

The Examiner has also stated that regarding claim 4, and it is believed claim 21:

“the recitation, ‘the horizontal member’ is not clear, i.e., horizontal to what?”

The “horizontal member” referred to in claims 4 and 21 is at least the “horizontal plate” (114) referenced in the application at page 14, line 29 – page 15, line 9, page 17, lines 4 – 6 and lines 23 - 25 and shown in Figures 18, 20, 28 and 29. As such, it is respectfully submitted that the “horizontal member” is a name for a part and as such it is clear to what part of the invention the “horizontal member” refers. Consequently, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider this rejection and thereafter remove the rejection.

The Examiner has stated, with regard to claims 11, 13, 14 and 16 – 18, and it is believed claims 19 – 20 and 22 – 27:

“there is insufficient antecedent basis [for] the recitation, “the system”. It is unclear if the recitation refers to “A system” recited in line 1 claim 4 or the indexing system recited in line 6.”

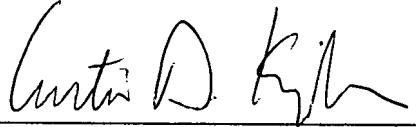
Claims 4, 11, 13 – 14 and 16 – 27 have been amended to change the reference for the “A system” to a “device.” As a result, it is respectfully submitted that there is no ambiguity between what is now the “device” and the claimed “indexing system.” The Examiner is respectfully requested to remove this ‘112, second paragraph objection.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that claims 4, 11, 13 – 14 and 16 – 27 are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is requested to re-examine claims 4, 11, 13 – 14 and 16 – 27 and thereafter allow the claims. Should the Examiner find it useful, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at (651) 484-1032 with any questions or comments she may have.

Respectfully submitted,

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